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 STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER FOR MR PRY, NMCC//ATTENTION
 CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO MR JOHN YEO.
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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA: ELECTION RETURNS

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WITH ROUGHLY 39 PERCENT OF THE ANTICIPATED TOTAL VOTE ANNOUNCED, THE GOVERNING COALITION CANDIDATE, GENERAL KJELL LAUGERUD, LEADS WITH 43 PERCENT. THE LEFTIST NATIONAL OPPOSITION FRONT CANDIDATE, GENERAL EFRATH RIOS, TRAILS WITH 37 PERCENT AND COLONEL ERNESTO PAIZ OF THE CENTRIST REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IS THIRD WITH 20 PERCENT.

4 SHOULD THIS TREND CONTINUE, LAUGERUD WILL WIN THE PLURALITY AND CONGRESS WILL CHOOSE HIM AS THE NEXT PRESIDENT. VOTE FRAUD IN LAUGERUD'S FAVOR IS EXPECTED, BUT ITS FULL EXTENT MAY NEVER BE UNKNOWN. IF THEIR MAN LOSES NARROWLY, RIOS SUPPORTERS SAY

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THEY WILL HOLD VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS TO PROTEST GOVERNMENT FRAUD.
 SO FAR, HOWEVER, THE COUNTRY IS CALM.

THE GOVERNMENT IS PURPOSELY HOLDING BACK ANNOUNCING RETURNS FOR THE CAPITAL WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR 25 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTE AND FOR OTHER URBAN CENTERS UNTIL IT HAS RECEIVED RETURNS FROM THE RURAL AREA, WHERE LAUGERUD IS FAVERED. POSITIVE RESULTS MAY NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL LATE TONIGHT. E2 IMPDET-H

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